PATENT CASE: DX0757K

<u>IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE</u>

In re Application of: Hedrick et al.

Examiner: Prema Maria Mertz

For: Mammalian Chemokines; Receptors;

Group Art Unit: 1646

Reagents; Uses

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action, Paper No. 7, (Confirmation No. 2825) mailed October 1, 2002, for which a response is due November 1, 2002. Please charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-0365.

PLEASE AMEND THE APPLICATION AS FOLLOWS:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 1-10, 20-21 and 28-36.

Please amend claims 11, 14, 15, 18 and 22-27 as follows:

- An isolated or recombinant nucleic acid encoding a polypeptide 11. (amended) comprising the amino acid sequence set forth in SEQ ID NO: 8.
- A kit comprising said nucleic acid of Claim 11, and: 14. (amended)

a) a compartment comprising said nucleic acid;

- b) a compartment further comprising a polypepti le of SEQ ID NO: 8; and/or
- c) instructions for use or disposal of reagents in said kit.

A nucleic acid which: 15. (amended)

- a) hybridizes under wash conditions of 45° C and less than 700 mM salt to SEQ ID NO: 7; or
- b) exhibits identity over a stretch of 30 nucleotides to SEQ ID NO: 7.
- A kit comprising said nucleic acid of Claim 15, and: 18. (amended) a) a compartment comprising said nucleic acid;
 - b) a compartment further comprising a polypeptide of SEQ ID NO: 8; and/or
 - c) instructions for use or disposal of reagents in said kit.